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SUBJECT: BNFL REPROCESSING

1. BNFL PRESIDENT FRANKLIN BEGAN DISCUSSIONS WITH JAPANESE UTILITIES THIS WEEK. SOURCE INDICATED THAT FRANKLIN REQUESTED GOJ'S GUARANTEE TO TAKE BACK WASTES AS ONE CONDITION FOR CONTRACT WITH BNFL FOR SPENT FUEL REPROCESSING. EARLIER, BNFL REQUESTED A LOAN OF 50 MILLION POUNDS STERLING (ABOUT \$117 MILLION) IN ADDITION TO DOWN PAYMENTS, AND PROPOSED THAT ERG GUARANTEE ACCEPTANCE OF NUCLEAR WEASTES.

2. LITTLE WORK OF SIGNIFICANCE IS BEING DONE IN WASTE DISPOSAL IN JAPAN AT THIS TIME. A \$30K APPROPRIATION IS IN THE JFY 75 BUDGET FOR STUDIES RELATING TO A WASTE TREATMENT AND DISPOSAL CENTER. GOJ IS NOT IN A POSITION TO GUARANTEE TAKING BACK WASTES AT THIS TIME. THE UTILITY UNDOUBT DOUBTS THAT REPROCESSING DISCUSSIONS WITH BNFL WILL PROGRESS BEFORE THIS PROBLEM IS RESOLVED.

3. ANOTHER SOURCE REPORTED MEETINGS OF FRANKLIN WITH JAPANESE UTILITY LEADERS THROUGH WEEK ENDING FEB. 22 REACHED NO CONCLUSION. REPORTED EARLY SETTLEMENT NOT IN SIGHT BECAUSE UTILITIES HAVE NOT OBTAINED PROSPECT FOR RAISING CAPITAL AND BECAUSE THEY MUST RESCHEDULE

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REPROCESSING AFTER JAPANESE NUCLEAR POWER TARGET IS

REVIEWED. THE SOURCE DID NOT REFER TO TAKING BACK WASTES.
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